

*U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii – Environmental Compliance Guide*

## **ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-Waste)**

**(Computers, Printers, Monitors and Televisions)**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Electronic products contain hazardous or toxic materials which can pollute the environment and threaten human health. Computers, laptops, monitors and peripherals equipment (i.e., cables, printers, scanners, keyboards and speakers) are recyclable and should not be discarded in the trash.

Your Government owned office electronics must be turned in to your Supply Support Activity (SSA) for processing by [DLA](#) and recycled thru DRMO or the donated through the [Computers for Learning Program](#).

For your personal computer, take advantage of the many manufacturers and retailers who offer free electronics recycling. [Hawaii Electronic Waste and Television Recycling and Recovery Law](#) requires electronics manufacturers to provide recycling programs for computers, computer monitors and televisions. The State Department of Health is responsible for implementing this law.

### **WASTE CHARACTERIZATION**

When computers become obsolete they leave behind lead, cadmium, mercury, hazardous flame-retardants and toxic chemicals. These hazardous materials can contaminate the environment when they are disposed of improperly. However, if they are recycled (referred to as “ecycling”) any hazardous materials they contain are removed and reprocessed or reused in an environmentally responsible manner.

Computers and related electronic equipment also contain substances such as glass, plastics and certain chemical compounds that are highly recoverable, recyclable and reusable.

### **HANDLING AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES**

- Remember, “Ewaste” can’t be recycled in your blue bin or with your office or household recyclables.
- When purchasing new electronic products make sure they are energy efficient and EPEAT (Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool) certified.
- For Government owned obsolete e-waste, take to your supporting unit SSA or contact your DLA Office to determine requirements for turn-in.
- For personal e-waste contact the manufacturer or a local retailer for recycling instructions, consult the [list of community Ewaste drop off locations](#).
- Several local vendors also accept Ewaste for recycling for a fee.



For more info contact: DPW Environmental solid Waste and Recycling Program at

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